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REVISED INTRODUCTION FOR SECOND EDITION

In many areas of the country historians and bibliographers have developed bibliographies on a regional and state level. This process has been conducted for over a century in some states, and revisions are continuous with beneficial results for students of history and researchers. In the Upper Peninsula such an endeavor has never been undertaken to the extent that this new bibliography has. This bibliography was first started and published in the late 1970s in connection with the syllabus for my class on the History of the Upper Peninsula. It was partially revised two decades later.

Over the years I realized that a major re-work of the bibliography was necessary. During the fall of 2010, I was on sabbatical and decided that it would be best to spend that time creating, revising, and editing this bibliography. This was done utilizing the major libraries and archives of the region, including: Peter White Public Library, Marquette; Central Upper Peninsula and University Archives of Northern Michigan University; Marquette Regional History Center; Lydia Olson Library, Northern Michigan University; Bayliss Library and Archives, Sault Ste. Marie, and the Archives of Michigan Technological University. Other significant archives and libraries that can be visited include: Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, a major regional depository of books and documents whose holdings touch the Upper Peninsula; in Michigan the Clark Library at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant; State Library of Michigan, Lansing; Bentley Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and the resources at Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and the Detroit Public Library. The bulk of the bibliography deals with printed sources, which can be of primary or secondary in nature. I have avoided trying to present the holdings of the many archives throughout the states of Michigan and Wisconsin. For the convenience of the information seeker the bibliography has been broken down into various topics to make the search more convenient. I did set limits on what I included and avoided general titles and highly specific articles for instance dealing with engineering. The researcher will find items dealing with New France and Canada since until 1796 the Upper Peninsula was part of these two governments and you are dealing with transnational studies. The modern, political, dotted line along the Canadian-United States border did not exist.

The revised edition has been developed in recognition of the fact that in the five years since this bibliography was created, new books and articles have been published relating to the Upper Peninsula. The topical approach has been retained. In this revision some material has been repeated, appearing under different topics. This is true for such topics as Native Americans, French and British colonial eras, shipping, Mackinac Island, etc. As a result the researcher is cautioned to check all of the possibilities. For instance many of the citations under “Native American” or “Mackinac Island” deal with the Franco-British era, fur trade, maps, and material
culture. Copper citations appear under “Native American” and “Copper Mining” and the same is true for furs and the fur trade cited under French, British or American eras but also under citation “Furs.” Items under “shipping” might also refer to the early American period. New to this edition is the inclusion of past and more recent novels set in the Upper Peninsula. What is presented is an example of the many titles that can be found on-line. The novel related to the Upper Peninsula has blossomed in recent years.

The major result of this project is to allow students of Upper Peninsula heritage, history and other disciplines to have access to what has been written and published in the past. This will allow researchers to avoid topics that have been developed and published, or to realize that articles are dated and a new project can be profitably researched. For instance, in recent years a number of new topics have been researched and published: beer, Prohibition, and apples in the Upper Peninsula. This work will also aid researchers with back-up material for a project that they might be interested in pursuing. This bibliography has also kept college students and their instructors in mind so that both of these groups will be able to assess what has been done and what new directions they can pursue. As a final note researchers should use this as a basic guide, but continue their search as they seek appropriate and related topics and themes. As an old sage once said, “Do, or do not. There is no trying” so approach your topic with creativity and vigor and enjoy the journey and the results, creating new and exciting works on the rich heritage of the Upper Peninsula.

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**Norwegians**


**Sami**


**Scandinavians**


**Swedes**


Swiss

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Menominee Truck: See D.J. Poyer below


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Iowa State University, Parks Library, 701 Morrill Road, Ames, Iowa 50011-2140. Resources: See on-line guides for the Warren H. Manning Collection.

Finlandia University Archive, Finlandia University, 601 Quincy Street, Hancock, Michigan 49930. (906) 487-7347; archives@finlandia.edu. Resources: Synod of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church; the Finnish National Brotherhood of Temperance Societies; Oral History Collection; Finnish Newspapers.

Frederick Law Olmstead National Historic Site, 99 Warren Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02445. (617) 566-1689. Resources: the entire collection of papers and plans of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead. He did special projects in Marquette at the Longyear home and Presque Isle Park.

Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, 311 Andersen Library, 222 21st Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455-0439; 612-625-4800; FAX 612-626-0018; ihrc@tc.umn.edu; www1.umn.edu/ihrc/. Resources: interviews with Upper Peninsula Italians, records of the Sons of Italy, paper and photographic material; concentration of Finnish materials; concentrates on Scandinavian, Eastern and Southern European immigrants.

Iron County Historical Museum, Museum Road, P.O. Box 272, Caspian, Michigan 49915. 906-265-2617; www.up.net/~iron/museums-icm.html. Resources: exhibits, newspaper clippings, paper materials and photographs, and artifacts; seasonal hours.
Isle Royale National Park. 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931. (906) 482-0984. Resources: has an archive and library with a collection of documents and photographs related to the park.


The Library of Michigan, 717 W. Allegan St., P.O. Box 30007, Lansing, Michigan; 517-373-1580; libmich.lib.mi.us. Resources: variety of printed materials and microfilm including many Upper Peninsula newspapers.


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